LPG Agencies in Manipur

575. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received requests from the State Government of Manipur and other private agencies for the increase in the number of LPG distributors in the State during the last two years;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the details of the Government's plan of action in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The marker surveys conducted by the Oil Industry have established the potential for opening an LPG distributorship each at Imphal, Nambol, Tamenglong, Senapati, Jiribam, Moirangkhom and Keishampet. New distributorships would be set up in these locations in a phased manner, subject to product availability.

Railway Link From Silchar to Giribam

576. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the extension of the railway line from Silchar to Giribam;

(b) whether the Government propose extension of the railway line beyond Giribam towards Manipur valley in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) The Silchar-Giribam Railway line has been commissioned on 31st March, 1990.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

Loktak Hydro-Electric Project

577. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering any plan to deepen portion of the Loktak lake to provide constant water supply to the Loktak Hydro-Electric Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b). Water level in Loktak lake is adequate for planned generation of energy at Loktak Hydro-electric Project and there is no plan to deepen portion of the lake to supply additional water to the project.

Appointment on Compassionate Ground

578. SHRI R.M. BHOYE:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases of appointment on compassionate ground are pending with Railways for more than two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total number of such cases;